s	*No.*	*Nome of*	*District*	*No. of Beneficiaries*
T		Osmanabad		
19.		Latur		20,487
20.		Beed		13.652
21.		Jaina		12,408
22.		Amravati		14,190
23.		Akola		19.280
24.		Yeotmal		20,832
25.		Buldhana		13,953
26.		Nagpur		51,941
27		Wardha		7,666
28.		Chandrapur		7,148
29.		Gaochiroli		2,117
30.		Bhandara		11,351
31.		Bombay (B.S.D.)		13,582
			Total	4,43,217

Private Participation in Mining Sector

463. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase private participation in Mining Sector;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme prepared in this regard; and

(c) whether Government also propose to allocate more funds for modernisation work of the mines situated in Rajasthan and Orissa States; if so, the amount proposed during 1995-96 and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) and (b) In order to increase private participation in mining sector; thirteen minerals i.e. iron ore, manganese, chrome, sulp gold, diamond, copper, lead, zinc molybdenum, tungsten, nickel and platinum group of minerals have been derescrved for exploitation by private sector in the New National Mineral Policy of 1993. Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act and Rules framed thereunder have also been amended to encourage private sector participation.

(c) Central Government do not allocate funds for moderanisation work of priavte sector mines. However, Central Government has established mineral processing laboratories at Ajmer, Bangalore, and Nagpur for Research and Development work in mineral processing and beneficiation and these facilities are available to all mines owners.

Inclusion of coconut in the schedule of oilseeds

464. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that coconut is included in the schedule of oil seeds;

(b) if so, the reasons for denying the coconut growers facilities extended to other oil seeds;

(c) the incentives/facilities given to oil seeds cultivators; and

(d) the incentives/facilities given to coconut growers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHD. AYUB KHAN): (a) and (b) Government of India declared coconut as an oilseed of three origin in October, 1990, since it is a perennial plantation crop. While declaring coconut as an oilseed of tree origin, it was also decided that matters relating to coconut development should continue to be dealt by Coconut Development Board and not by Technology Mission on Oilseeds.

(c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha as Annexure, *[See* Appendix 176 Annexure No. 27.]

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